

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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1. Communist China

a. There have been no significant changes in the military picture of the Taiwan Strait situation during the past 24 hours. However, we now have tenuous evidence that at least elements of an eighth division moved into the Fukien area during the buildup period in addition to the seven divisions believed earlier to have been deployed there. [REDACTED]

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b. Chinese Communist propaganda remains at a high pitch, and mass rallies have been organized in the big coastal cities in southeast China. Although there has been no shift in the line being put out, we suspect that Peiping hopes to derive certain secondary benefits from its allegations that a US-supported Nationalist invasion of the mainland is imminent. The bogey of air raid, for instance, provides stimulus to the back-to-the-farm movement, and the call for the "voluntary mobilization" of workers sounds as though higher production norms are in the offing.

c. For the present, Taipei is sticking to its promise not to do anything that might be considered provocative, but is unlikely to remain silent indefinitely if Peiping keeps up its steady drumfire of denunciatory broadcasts.

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d. Moscow has not yet made any significant independent comment on the Straits situation, but Soviet propagandists are beginning to zero in on the broader target of the overall US military presence in Asia. The sudden play-up of American troops in Korea, coupled with an appeal to the UN to do something about their removal, appears to have been their first salvo. The Russians, this morning, turned their attention to Thailand where our forces, they say, are threatening the peace in Southeast Asia by preparing a "dangerous spring-board of aggression."

2. Sudan

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[redacted] the Sudanese military mission 50X1
that is about to take off for Moscow
will conclude a deal involving the ac-
quisition of MIG aircraft. [redacted] 50X1

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3. Congo

Adoula, embarrassed by not being able to get very far with Tshombé in three months of palaver, now faces trouble in parliament where several deputies are out to scalp his unpopular foreign minister with a vote of censure. He has sought to meet the challenge head-on by declaring that censure would amount to a no-confidence vote. A touch-and-go situation seems in prospect, but with a little luck (and a lot of palm greasing), Adoula ought to get over this particular hurdle. Tshombé, meanwhile, will be playing a waiting game.

4. Algeria

a. There is evidence that the Egyptians, who have influence by virtue of their ability to provide military hardware, have succeeded in prevailing on Ben Bella to mute his hostility toward "moderate" Algerian nationalists. This fits with other indications that the quarreling factions have patched things up for the moment, but it seems doubtful that any truce will last long after independence is achieved.

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b. France, meanwhile, is urging NATO governments to recognize the new Algerian regime immediately after the 1 July referendum with a view to stealing the march on the Communist bloc.

5. Indonesia

Ambassador Bunker on Monday proposed to Dutch and Indonesian representatives that negotiations be resumed on 5 July. Subsequent news that The Hague is thinking of throwing the problem into the Security Council will probably sound in Djakarta like the false note [] and be interpreted as another maneuver aimed at thwarting a settlement favorable to Indonesia.

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6. Laos

Souphannouvong is due back in Vientiane today or tomorrow to take up the reigns of government. Meanwhile, several Phoumi men, who held cabinet posts in the old government, are [] sticky about giving up their ministries. The immediate outlook [] is for some finger-stabbing set-to's between left and right, the outcome of which--in the absence of Souvanna's moderating influence--is difficult to predict.

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A. Sarit this morning said that a final decision had not yet been reached as to whether Thailand would carry out its threat to boycott the Geneva conference on Laos. The tone of his comments, however, suggests that the Thais will be in their seats when the meeting reconvenes.

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B. We have observed a number of flights by Soviet aircraft within North Vietnam during the past couple of weeks which have no relationship to the Laos airlift. We speculate that the Russians are training Vietnamese crews and, since some of the flights have been at night, perhaps preparing them for clandestine airdrop missions into South Vietnam.

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D. Burundi (one of the two new nations that will emerge next Sunday from what is now the Belgian trust territory of Ruanda-Urundi) has asked for, and probably will receive, a small Ghanian military mission to help train its security forces.

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E. The British Commission that has been studying ways and means of creating a "greater Malaysia" by merging Malaya, Singapore, and North Borneo into a single country has filed its report. Details of implementation are to be worked out when the Malayan prime minister visits London next month.

F. Dominican army have begun to talk as though the time is about ripe for a military coup.

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